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MISSOULA....

The states of Minnesota, California and Montana will have the largest delegations when the Western United States Junior Olympic Age Group Wrestling Championships begin here Friday.

As of Monday the three states accounted for 576 of the 840 entrants in the three-day University of Montana hosted meet. California totaled 215 entrants, Minnesota 188 and Montana 173. Last minute registration is expected to push the number of Montana participants well over the 200 mark.

The Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) is sponsoring the meet for youngsters 14-years-old and younger. The participants in the National tournament have advanced through regional and state meets.

Montana's qualifiers have survived district, divisional and state competition in advancing to this weekend's tournament. Only 300 of the state's 3000 registered AAU Age Group wrestlers remain eligible for the national meet.

The meet begins with a rules clinic on Thursday. The two sessions, the first is scheduled for 10 a.m. and the second for 1 p.m., will explain the regulations applicable to Friday and Saturday's freestyle competition and Sunday's greco-roman action.

The weigh-in for the freestyle competition will begin at 7 Friday morning. The first round of wrestling begins at 10 a.m. Saturday's action starts at 10 a.m. The weigh-in activities for Sunday's greco-roman competition also begins at 7 a.m.

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